GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5281
ANSWERED ON:28.08.2001
MILITANCY IN NAGALAND
SANAT KUMAR MANDAL

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government had recently sent an emissary to Amsterdam to hold talks with the NSCN(IM) Leadership on the continued militancy in Nagaland;

(b) if so, the details of talks;

(c) whether the Government propose to undertake a fresh initiative for holding another round of talks with the Naga militant groups;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government would take into confidence the Chief Ministers of North-Eastern States before taking any fresh initiative; and

(f) if so, the details in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (I.D. SWAMI)

(a)to(d): Peace talks between Government of India and NSCN(IM) have been going on since May, 1997. As a part of this peace process, the representative of the Government has held talks with the NSCN(IM) recently on August 4-5,2001 at Amsterdam. The talks have centered round continuing cessation of operations between security forces of the Government and NSCN cadres, and in ensuring that the cease-fire is effectively enforced at the ground level. Talks with NSCN would continue. In addition to discussing measures to ensure continued peace, and making the Cease-fire Monitoring Group more effective, it is proposed that the future talks should also address substantive issues.

(e) & (f): The process of consultation with the Chief Ministers of the concerned North Eastern States will continue as and when required.